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R E P O R T

for the Year 1969

of the Medical Officer of Health

T. M. B. ROHAN,  
M.B., B.C.H., B.A.O., D.P.H.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SKELETON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1969, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

This year saw the opening of the Warden Service Bungalows and flats in Brotton when 58 aged peoples dwellings were built. It is really heartening to see that in the Urban District there are now 110 such type of flats or bungalows available and I sincerely hope that this is not the finish.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. M. Tucker, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN

Medical Officer of Health



TABLE 1

## Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.		Dr. T. M. B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspector	*Mr. A.T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R.M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray Mr. A. S. Kirkwood

\*Also Surveyor of the District concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Mrs. K. Smith	Health Visitor
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. M. Tucker	Clerk/Typist



## Statistics of the Area

### Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1969 is 14,270 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1968 of 14,140.

### General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:-

1. Area of the District in acres .....	15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books .....	5,040
3. Rateable Value .....	£282,178
4. Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£1,082

TABLE 2

### Vital Statistics

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births .....	128	98	226
Legitimate .....	116	92	208
Illegitimate .....	12	6	18
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Still Births .....	4	2	6
Legitimate .....	4	2	6
Illegitimate .....	-	-	-

### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	MALE	FEMALE
Total .....	2	3
Legitimate .....	2	3
Illegitimate .....	-	-



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The number of births registered being 226 gives a corrected birth-rate of 17.1 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 16.3 for England and Wales. Five infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 22.1 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 18.0.

TABLE 3 - VITAL STATISTICS

Causes of Death

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, Other	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	2	6
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	8	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	-	6
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2
Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	-	1
Mental Disorders	-	1
Anaemias	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	23
Other Forms of Heart Disease	11	7
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	7
Other Disease of Circulatory System	3	6
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	10	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	-
Other diseases of Respiratory System	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Abortion	-	1
Diseases of Musculo Skeletal System	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
All Other Accidents	-	2
All Other External Causes	1	-
	89	81



TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1968  
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	2	3	4	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	9	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	13	-	2	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



### Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

#### Tuberculosis

Two cases of respiratory tuberculosis and one case of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1969.

TABLE 5

#### Immunisation and Vaccination

<u>Immunisation against Diphtheria</u>	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	170	32	-	202
Reinforcing Doses	-	-	93	93
<u>Immunisation against Whooping Cough</u>		0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed		202	-	202
<u>Vaccination (Smallpox)</u>	PRIMARY		RE-VACCINATION	
	45		16	
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	262		166	

#### The General Provision of Health Services in the District

##### 1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough.

##### 2. National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47

Action had to be taken under this Act re: removal of one person to hospital during the year.



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
COUNCIL OFFICES,  
SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of  
Skelton and Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my eleventh Annual Report to the Council for the year 1969.

A fresh start was made to deal with slum properties in the area when 27 houses in Chapel Street, Brotton, were included in a Compulsory Purchase Order. A survey of all the older houses in the area was also put in hand with the object of presenting a report on the number of unfit houses to be cleared over the next fifteen years.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, to my assistant, Mr. R.M. Chalmers, to the Rodent operator, Mr. R. A. Winter, and to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

Certain information in the report has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

J. H. RHODES

Public Health Inspector



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:-

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses	430
Slaughterhouses	1275
Factories	12
Food Premises	124
Water Supplies	12
Drainage and Sewerage	45
Pests	760
Infectious Diseases	32
Council house repairs	256
Offices & shops	37
Miscellaneous	903
	3,886

### WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:-

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	5020
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	-
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	20

Nine samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton	3	3	-
Brotton	2	2	-
Moorsholm	1	1	-
Lingdale	2	2	-
Boosbeck	1	1	-



TABLE 9  
CLOSET CONVERSIONS

Number of conversions carried out .....	3
Number of pan closets remaining (seven of these houses are unoccupied) .....	31

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 300 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1969, the cost of the service was estimated at £12,850.

Other details relating to this service were:-

Total mileage of vehicles .....	19,740
Trade refuse collected - Loads .....	385
Bins .....	1,159



## FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

## Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the

Factories Act, 1937Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced	4	1	-	-
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	20	8	-	-
3. other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	3	3	-	-
TOTALS	27	12	-	-

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness .....	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding .....	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature .....	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.....	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient .....	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-



Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Sections 133 and 134

There are no outworkers in the area.



OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table shows registrations and general inspections relating to the above Act.

TABLE 13  
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	2
Retail Shops	35	30
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	6	4
Fuel storage depots	-	-



## HOUSING

A Clearance Area comprising twenty seven houses in Chapel Street, Brotton, was declared, and a public local inquiry was held on the 10th November in connection with an application for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this area.

Details of housing work are given in the following tables.

TABLE 14

### Housing Appendix - Statistics

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	97
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	430
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	0
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	29
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	43

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers .....	39
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## Housing Statistics - continued

### Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A.	Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 or the Housing Act, 1957	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	0
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(a) By Owners .....	0
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .....	0
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	5
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	(a) By Owners .....	1
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .....	4
C.	Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	2
	(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	6
	(3) Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing Orders .....	0
	(4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit .....	0
D.	Clearance Areas	
	(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas .....	27
	(2) Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders	0
	(3) Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished	0
	(4) Number of persons displaced .....	0
	(5) Number of families displaced .....	0

### Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .....	Not known
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year .....	1



### Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made .....	16
Number of Improvement Grants refused .....	-
Number of Standard Grants made .....	21

### New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year .....	59
Number of Private houses erected during year .....	126

### Council Housing

The Council own 836 dwellings and 6 shops as follows:-

	<u>Houses</u>		<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Flats</u>	<u>Shops</u>
	<u>2-Bed</u>	<u>3-Bed</u>			
Skelton	68	139	138	-	1
Brotton	16	234	54	19	5
Boosbeck	16	92	-	-	-
Lingdale	-	24	36	-	-
	100	489	228	19	6

### Re-housing

No. of families rehoused during year .....	120
No. of housing applicants at 31st December 1969 .....	240
No. of bungalow applicants at 31st December 1969 .....	93



### Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required	Number of Applicants
Bungalows	93
Houses	
Skelton	140
Lingdale	12
Boosbeck	6
Brotton	19
Hollybush	1
More than one estate	<u>62</u>
	<u>333</u>
	<u>—</u>

### FOOD

#### General

There are 116 food premises in the area, and 88 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows:-

Public Houses .....	20
Off-Licence Premises .....	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes) .....	10
Fish and Chip Shops .....	11
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers.....	67
Bakehouses .....	5
Ice Cream Retailers .....	62
Butchers .....	9
Greengrocers .....	2
Cafes and Canteens .....	5

124 visits were made to various food premises.

#### Milk

The Council are responsible for milk registration as shown in Table 15 and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 15  
Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8



### Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined = 21  
(ii) Number of positive samples found = Nil

A notice was served on Mr. Bell on 23rd August, 1967, requiring that no milk from Hollybush Farm be sold for human consumption or used in the manufacture of products for human consumption unless it has been treated, or in the case of a sale, is sold subject to its being treated before consumption. This notice is still in force.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are three private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. One slaughterhouse is being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area was 10,667 as compared with 13,348 in 1968 and 13,148 in 1967. One thousand one hundred and sixty eight visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday visits.

The income for the year from meat inspection charges amounted to £569 12s. Od.

There are 8 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

### Other Foods Condemned

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Tin Chopped Pork	4	
Corned Beef	12	
Tinned Ham	11	
Tin Jellied Veal	8	
	35	-



TABLE 16

## Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2,393	64	8	5,594	2,608	-
Number inspected	2,393	64	8	5,594	2,608	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci	-	1	-	1	1	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	-	1	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	368	2	-	157	111	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and Cysti- cerci	15.37%	4.68%	-	2.82%	4.29%	-
Tuberculosis only:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.42%	-
Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



TABLE 17  
FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1969

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL
	Carcase	Offal	Carcase	Offal	Carcase	Offal	Carcase	Offal	
	lb	lb	lb	lb	lb	lb	lb	lb	lb
C. Bovis	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Abcesses	-	541	-	4	8	3	4	8	568
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223	223
Bruising and Injuries	-	-	520	-	-	-	-	-	520
Parasites	-	4131	-	-	-	629	-	220	4980
Cirrhosis	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	104
Angioma	-	108	-	14	-	-	-	-	122
Pleurisy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Oedema	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	50
Miscellaneous	-	62	-	-	70	-	-	4	136
TOTAL	-	4858	520	18	78	633	54	567	6728
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration	534	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	534



## Adulteration

The Chief County Health Inspector reports that 13 samples of foods of various descriptions were taken in the Urban District, all of which were reported as satisfactory.

## CLEAN AIR

No action was necessary.

## RODENT CONTROL

The Council's sewers were treated twice and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1969. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

There are 33 farms and 5 business premises in the Rodent Control Contract scheme.

Details of work done are set out below:-

### Properties Treated

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Domestic Premises	15	42
Business Premises	8	19
Farms	32	16
Schools	1	4



## DISINFESTATIONS

Twelve infestations were dealt with during the year.

## CARAVAN SITES

There are six licensed sites in the area, although two of these have not been developed and two relate to individual caravans.

## KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are 7 persons registered as Scrap Metal Dealers under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

